FALL RIVER WEAVERS OUT.

SIX THOUSAND MEN JOIN THE STRIKE,

WOREMEN THINK THAT EMPLOYERS WILL VIELD RATHER THAN LESSEN PRO-DUCTION-THE MILL-OWNERS DE-CLARING THEY WILL NOT SUBMIT.

Fall River, Mass.; March 11.-The weavers strike for an advance in wages began this morning The weaving departments of fifty mills are practically shut down, and 6,000 weavers are idla Those who refused to strike do not number more than half enough to keep one mill going. The extent of the strike is a surprise to the managers, who ted that only a few mills would be involved. operatives are much pleased at the imous sentiment of resistance displayed.

It is the impression that the manufacturers can give an advance at the present prices for cloth d can ill afford to curtail the production even a short period. The Board of Trade says, however, that no advance will be given.

Three thousand weavers assembled in mass ecting in the park this morning. Reports of the cutive Committee of the union showed that cavers in every print-cloth mill in the city had quit work and that the strike was general weavers at a few mills on wide goods went to work to-day, but are expected to e out. Addresses were made by members of Executive Committee; congratulating the vers on the success of the strike and urging all to stand together. A New-York newspaper n, who is a member of the Central Labor Union of that city, also addressed the crowd, urging nited action and insisting on the importance of organization. It was announced at the meeting that the agent of the Pocasset Mill had offered a promise, and wanted to meet a committee of cavers to listen to a proposition from him,

A LAKEWOOD HOTEL BURNED.

SIXTY GUESTS DRIVEN FROM THEIR BEDS II CLIPTON HALL BY THE PLAMES.

wood, N. J., March 11 (Special).-A defective ed the destruction of Clifton Hall this morning re about sixty guests in the house, all of whom ep, and about twenty male and female serv nest. Philadelphia, who remained in the burning ing, trying to save his valuables, until all escape s cut off. He then jumped from the window of his m, fracturing his left ankle.

The flames spread with such rapidity that the build-ing was destroyed in less than an hour. Neighboring ges were thrown open for the accom ests. The Presbyterian church and six cottage ed by a bucket brigade, saved these buildings.

hotel was insured for \$10,000. It was built Spring Lake until last year. The proprietor el, James Palmer, jr., lost the wedding gif for his bride. He was to be married to.
It was a valuable diamond bracelet. Miss
of Philadelphia, is the bride-elect. It is Mr.
Intention to rebuild Clifton Hall at once.
r, Mrs. Cleaver, left a pocketbook containing
ler her pillow, when she escaped by jumping
indow. She was unburt.

THE READING IRON WORKS FAILURE.

cestablishments controlled by the Reading Iroughts, whose failure was recently announced, closers, today. The suspension is believed to be indefinite longth of from Water the morning telles blew the 250 employes of the company of Foundary went to work as usual, but severains later they were all told to quit and the estab resume work. The closing of the rolling be added about 150 more employed at the company's forge, which shut down this evening until the firm's affairs are settled. The 300 employes of its sheet

active operation after to-day will be its blast furnace. About half the force is at work in its old pipe mill, where formerly 800 men were at work. Among other establishments idle in this vicinity are the mills at Naomi and Gibraltar, this county the Keystone Rolling Mill, this city; the rolling mill of the Maiden Creek Iron Company, at Blandon, this of the Maidep Creek Iron Company, as sinanon, this county, and the nail factory and other works of the Brooke Iron Company, at Birdsboro, this county. The latter company's suspension is due to the general duliness in the iron trade. Not for years have so many iron workers been idle at one time. William R. McIlvain, of this city; William E. Frick, Albert Foster, J. L. Hogsin and E. H. Cole, the committee appointed to investigate the affairs at the works and make an appraisement of the property, began

HOPEFUL OUTLOOK IN THE IRON TRADE. Philadelphia, March 11.—The following dispatches egarding the present depression of the iron trade ave been received here:

Reading.—The feeling among the iron men here is unusual hopefulness. While the general voice is the effect that the trade is unusually dull and staghant, there are none who think that this condition will last, and all predict a revival with a fair spring ummer trade. The present depression is usually uted to a lack of confidence, which, however, is

attributed to a lack of confidence, which, in the manufacturers' regarded as causeless and will, in the manufacturers' replands, soon pass away to be followed by a replenishing of the present depleted stocks.

York.—John W. Stesey, speaking for the York Rolling Mill, York, the Columbia Rolling Mill, Columbia, and the Autora Furnace, at Wrightsville, says: "The prospects for the future are good. The Pennsylvania pig always holds its place and there will be a boom as soon as it has touched rook bottom."

Columbia.—The universal opinion here seems to be the market will show a change for the better

that the market will show a change for the better

e near future. uncoster.—The Penn Iron Works, of this city Lancester.—The Fenn Iron works, of this city, manufactures har iron and railroad supplies. Will-lam B. Middleton, manager of the works, said: "There is no activity at present, nor is there any indication of the coming." Dr. A. H. Peacock, one of the propristors of the Peacock & Thomas Furnace, said: "There is an increasing demand for tron just now, not only in the East and West, but in the South. I think the outlook is more encouraging at the present than it has been for some time."

IRON WORKS RESUME OPERATIONS. reliefonte, Penn., March 11.—The Bellefonte Nail has started in all its departments to-day with a force of mon, after an idleness in the various dements ranging from one to three weeks. The re-Iron Company's rolling will will sell and e Iron Company's rolling mill will start to-mor-

neisco, March 11 (Special).—A suit was court here to-day that revives the great wheat deal of 1876, and that may inander wheat deal of 1876, and that may in-property worth millions. It is the ease of Chapman against the Bank of California. Isaac ander, called the California Grain King, tried-ener the wheat markets of the world thirteen ago. He failed, precisely as Flood and Mackay ghteen months ago. His overdraft at the Bank ifornia amounted to \$500,000, and to cover this ner indorsed his notes. The collapse came, and isymen satisfied the bank with a deed to \$4,000 in Fresno County. The deeds were absolute.

THE BOURSE CALMS DOWN.

COPPER SHARES CLOSE STRONG IN THE STOCK MARKET.

A FINANCIAL CRASH AVERTED IN PARIS BY INTERESTED BANKS AND BANKERS OF THAT CAPITAL.

paris, March 11.-Stocks were very weak before opening of the Bourse this morning. Rio Tinto

quoted at 80 france and Comptoir d'Escompte share

at 305 france.

The offices of the Comptoir d'E-compte have resumed their normal appearance. The public is admitted to the central hall as usual to-day. No crowds were present. Comptoir d'Escompte shares at 2:80 o'clock wer

quoted at 315 francs, Societe des Metaux shares at 90 francs, and Rio Tinto shares at 315 francs.

at 110 francs, Comptoir d'Escompte shares at 370 francs, and Rio Tinto shares at 318 francs 75 centimes. ted to have been made by leading banks. At 400 francs. Bears were buying, fearing a heavy reaction. It is persistently reported that Compton impte will be reconstructed, with Mr. Hellender

The amounts guaranteed to the Comptoir d'Escompte are as follows: Rothschilds, 3,000,000 francs Bank of Paris and the Netherlands, 2,500,000; Credit Funcier, 2,000,000; the directors of the Compton d'Escompte, 2,500,000; Banque d'Escompte, Credi r. MM. Michael Heine, Stern, Hottinguer, Andre Girod and Hentsch, each 1,000,000; Credit Lyonnals and Societe Generale, each 500,000; various

nais and societe Generals, each 500,000; various other houses, 700,000.

Londou, March 11.—A large business was done in copper to-day. The stock market closed firmer in sympathy with the better prices on the Continental bourses. G. M. B.'s were quoted at 52 pounds 15 shillings for cash and 50 pounds 10 shillings for three months' delivery.

vesterday, while limited in amount, were of such ment, and the news received from Europe late it the day fully confirmed the reports of the syn having tided over its difficulties. The only transact tions recorded in the Exchange were sales of pounds May at 12.90 cents and 112,000 pounds May at 12.75 cents, both lots being taken by T. J. Pope who was a prominent bear in last week's the Orford Company, who took all the copper offered in market last week, received three dispatches from his correspondent yesterday, the first of which said: "It is a bad time to operate. The market de pressed. Spot good, marketable 51 pounds." The second dispatch received about noon said : " Mathesons banking firm has taken control of the syndicate's business. The general feeling is much easier." Late in the afternoon he received another, which said that the condition of the market had totally change

It was learned that the Mathesons' banking firm bought the Rio Tinto mine from the Spanish Government and had, of course, been interested in mal taining prices. A broker said: "The syndicate's business now being in competent hands, from all ap-pearances, we may now expect after the late break of 25 pounds per ton in the London market to see more confidence among metal dealers over there. It is thought that the Bank of France put the syndi cate's affairs in the Mathesons' hands, as they were not satisfied with the recent management." The only quotations from London were options

for May 6 at 46 pounds, and May 16 at 47.10 pounds, but the closing prices showed a rapid rise for spo copper at 53.10 pounds, and three months' futures at 50 pounds. The New-York market re-flected the increased confidence in London, and refer-

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| Spot | 10.5 | 18.93 |
| Maron | 11.6 | 18,24 |
| May | 10.1 | |
| June | 9.5 | 3 12.40 |
| Second call: | 13.5 | 18.00 |
| Spot | 13.0 | 14.00 |
| Anell | 12.2 | 13.80 |
| May | 10.10 | 13.20 |

DISASTER ON A WHALING BARK.

THREE MEN KILLED AND FIVE INJURED BY THE EXPLOSION OF A BOMB GUN:

New-Bedford, Mass., March 11.—A cable dispatch from Aquaimina, West Coast of Africa, states that Cap-tain Holmes, of the whaling bark Sea Fox, an officer

CANADA'S ATLANTIC MAIL SERVICE. Ottawa, Ont., March 11 .- The report that the con tract for the Atlantic mail service has been secured by Anderson & Co., of the Orient Steamship Company, seems to be confirmed. Mackenzie Bowell, Minister of Customs, stated this morning that the contract had not been awarded, but would not say whether the Government had arrived at a decision in regard

A deputation from St. John, N. B., arrived in this city to-day to urge upon the Government the de bility of making St. John a winter port for Atlantic

THE AMEER MAKES A DENIAL London, March 11.-The Ameer of Afghanistan denies that he has any designs against Russia. He lectares that his enemies, wishing to embroil England, Afghanistan and Russia, originated the report.

A MAHARAJAH CHARGED WITH TREASON. Calcutta, March 11 .- An official inquiry has ordered into the charges that the Maharajah of Cash-

mere was implicated in a conspiracy to poison and

EX-KING MILAN INVITED TO VIENNA. Vienna, March 11.—At the request of Emperor Francis Joseph, ex-King Milan of Servia will visit

The "Nemzet," of Pesth, denies that Austria is proparing to occupy Servia, and declares that the entente with that country continues.

AGRARIAN CRIME IN IRELAND. Dublin, March 11.—While Mr. Creagh, a landlord in County Clare, and his sister were driving to church yesterday, they were fired upon by some unknown Mr. Creagh and his sister were hit by bulicts, the latter's nose being shot off: Both are in a critical condition.

A BRITISH STEAMER LOST. London, March 11.—A quantity of wreckage and cargo, which has been identified as having come from the British steamer Duke of Bucoleuch, is strewn along the Channel coast. This strengthens the belief that the Duke of Buccleuch was the vessel which was in collision with the British ship Vandalis, and that she has been lost. The Duke of Buccleuch was bound from Antwerp for Calcutta.

THE QUEEN APPROVES OF SIR JULIAN. London, March 11.—The Queen has approved the ap-pointment of Sir Julian Pauncefote as British Min-ister to the United States.

THE FOUNDER OF A STEAMSHIP LINE DEAD.

London, March '11.—Mr. Meier, the founder and
manager of the North German Lloyd steamship line,
is dead.

MISS WILCOX'S LOVER SENT TO PRISON.

London, March 11.—Dr. Sellon, who in January
eloped from Nice with Miss Ida Wilcox, an American,
has been scatteneed by a Nice court to eight months'

Paris, March 11.—The Chamber of Deputies has authorized the Government to prosecute Senator Naquet and Deputies Laguerte, Turquet and Laisant, leaders of the Patriotic League, on the ground that he League had been converted fate a secret society, having, besides its public statutes, secret arrangements by which the League, by sending telegraphers

"Le Paris" says that the Government will soon take vigorous steps against the Patriotic Lesgue, and that General Boulauter is on the verge of being involved in the matter.

A WABASH DIVISION SOLD. THE PURCHASING COMMITTEE BUY THE

A BOILER BLOWN A THIRD OF A MILE.

TWO MEN KILLED AND ELEVEN PERSONS HURT BY AN EXPLOSION IN CLEVELAND. Cleveland, March 11 .- A boller, thirty feet long,

the forging department of the Cleveland Rolling Mills. in the southern part of the city, exploded at 2 p. m. to day. One piece of it crushing into Hugh Graham' house five hundred feet away, bounded off and buried beneath the foundations of a house a dozen yards distant. Graham, who works at night, wa fragment struck Graham's house it wrecked his coal house. In it were Mrs. John Scelaga and Mrs. Calaja, both of whom sustained scalp wounds. The other fragment of the boiler was thrown 1,600 feet. It demolished an outhouse in which was Mary Vargo. age four. Her left arm was broken. At the mil The following were killed and injured:

BARR, James, Harvard-st., helper. He was thirty-eigh DORSEY, Thomas, fireman. He was thirty years old.

VENDELOPSKI, Anton.
GALUPSKI, Frank.
GROGIE, John.
GRAHAM, Hugh.
GCLAGA, Mrs. John.
CALAJA, Mrs.
CALAJA, Mrs.

The mill was damaged considerably, and \$4,500 will be required to repair it.

PRANKS AND CRIMES OF WHITE CAPS. AN INTENDED VICTIM'S TRIUMPH - LAWLESS

CONDUCT IN THE WEST. n, Penn., March 11 (Special) .- A few week ago an old man, Fred Burgess, living at Hughestown who, it is said, refuses to work and leaves his family unprovided for, received a notice which stated that unless he went to work he would receive a visit from the "Hughestown White Caps." The receipt of the letter did not cause the old man much anxiety last Saturday night, when Burgess, who was sitting in a shanty at No. 10 Shaft of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, with several employes, was visited by a about to inflict a beating upon Burgess, when the latter pulled out a long knife, and for a time is looked as if the White Cap would come out worst. ber of young men, was getting serious, and those it the shanty who were in the scheme came to the imperiled leader's reseas, who upon being release-at once took to his heels, together with his compan-ions, the intended victim in pursuit.

Doland, Dak., March 10.-Antoine Belanger came men, masked with white caps, rushed upon him last fall. He then, to save his life, made a con-fession. They bound his hands behind, blindfolded and took him to the house, broke the furniture are apoured kerosene over everything. They took hi-money and loaded him and his trunk into his wagon behind his team. Two men on horseback, with draw:

of here, received a warning from White Caps, but pak no attention to it. Last night, while sitting in his

THE POLICE STOP A PRIZE FIGHT.

THE TWO PRINCIPALS AND SIXTY-SIX SPECTA

Forty policemen under the command of Scrgeant Donohue made a descent on the rooms of the Bose-dale Athletic Club, at No. 69 Monroe-st., shortly after 9 o'clock last night, and arrested John McGrath and Cornelius Keefe, whom they found engaged in a fight with bare knuckles, and sixty-six of the 300 spec-

the club was to have an "entertainment" at No. 69 Mouroe-st., and that in all probability there would be an attempt to bring together for a bare-knuckle fight two young amateurs. He at once dispatched Detectives Stapleton, Reary and Mukahy to the place. In the basement of a factory immediately in the rear of the house was discovered a crowd of some 300 men and boys intent upon an exhibition which was going on in a ring pitched in the centre of the room.

of the room.

The men in the ring were clad in fighting costume. When the detectives entered they were engaged in a sparring bout with gloves, but, according to the statements of the officers, they soon threw away the gloves and proceeded with bare fists. The detectives in the meantime had given the signal to the forty waiting bluecoats, when the latter entered and made the arrests.

A SMALL ANTI-CHINESE RIOT IN MILWAUKEE Milwaukee, Wis., March 11 .- A mob of about 2,000 people gathered in front of the City Hall this morning to await the arrival of Sam Yip Ja and Hah Ding, the two Chinamen charged with enticing little girls into their saundries for immoral purposes. They were disappointed, however, as the officers feared another demonstration, and took the prisoners to the court-Chinamen had not been concluded at the time court adjourned this evening. The testimony against them, however, is of the strongest possible character, and they will undoubtedly be held for trial.

After smashing in the doors and windows of a num-ber of Chinese laundries this afternoon the crowd dispersed, and no further disturbance has been reported. The feeling against the Chinese is growing in bitterness as the enormity of their crimes is being revealed by the testimony in court.

Washington, March 11 .- A fight which came near being serious in its consequences took place to-day between S. B. Cunningham, disbursing clerk of the House of Representatives, and Turner Hackman, a riding page in the employ of the House. The trot ble dates back about a week, when Cunningham, it is said, refused to honor an order presented by Hackman for an extra month's pay under the Deficiency Appropriation bill. Cunningham then struck at Hackman, but the combatants were separated. This merning Hackman went again to inquire about his pay, and Cunningham is said to have made some inrey, and Cunningam is said to have made some in-sulting remark. Hackman thereupon hit at Cun-ningham, and the latter, drawing a revolver, fired at Hackman. The ball, however, missed its mark and embedded itself in the wall, and no further damage was done. Cunningham was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Hackman.

THE SWINDLERS FAILED TO GET THE MONEY. Newburg, N. Y., March 11 (Special).-John H. Hunter, a farmer at Woodbury Falls, N. Y., on Saturday, when in New-York City, went to a livery stable in East Ninth-st. He was induced to buy a horse for \$300. Hunter only had \$15, but his account with the Highland National Bank of this city was healthy. He gave his check for \$285, and no sooner had he put his signature to ft than he was hustled out. When the big doors of the Highland Bank opened this morning Hunter was there. He told the story, and payment on the check was stopp It was made payable to J. A. Watson. The swind presented the check soon afterward, and was access

POR A PROHIBITION MASS.MEETING. Chicago, March 11.—The ministerial associations of the various evangelical churches of this city are At the weekly meetings of the Nethodist E. siscopal,
Presbyterian, Baptist and Congregational elerical
bodies to-day, an identical resolution was passed,
looking to a mass-meeting: "To extend sympathy

and help to States struggling to free themselves from the bondage and degrading influence of the liquor tradic." PREPARING FOR AN IMPORTANT DISCUSSION The members of the Federal Club met last night to complete arrangements for the public meeting on Fri-day night, at which the Ballot Reform bill now before the Legislature will be discussed by Assemblymen Saxton and Grosby, Theodore Roosevelt, president of the organization, and others. The meetins will be held in the rooms of the club, Madison-ave. and Frity-ninth-st, beginning at 8 p. m.

THE PURCHASING COMMITTEE BUY THE CHICAGO BRANCH

PAYING \$3,500,000 FOR THE LINE-PROGRESS OF THE REORGANIZATION-THE REMAINING SALES TO BE HELD SOON-THE NEW

MANAGEMENT. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Springfield, Ill., March 11.-The Chicago division the Wabash Rallway, now under the control of Receiver John McNulta, was sold to the Purchasing 6mmittee in this city to-day for \$3,500,000. This is the line from Altamont and E'fingham to Streator and from Streator to Chicago—about 253 miles. This estern and Western Divisions. The legal steps necessary to organize the remaining divisions, Posed of the main line from Toledo to Hannibal and Decatur to Haunibal, and from Decatur to St. Louis, will be taken on March 21. It is natural to the application for the order of sale will be made, It order it to take place under the first and second martgages, and the sales will probably take place about April 21. Should the sale in both cases be confirmed, the entire system east of the river will be in the hands of the Purchasing Committee on May This will add to the Wabash Western 956 miles of

sions separated January 1, 1887. Miroptcy, the entire system passing into the re-strer's hands June 1, 1884. The Wabash Western ceiver's hands June 1, 1884. The Wabash Western emerged June 1 1887, and the lines will be freed before June 1 next. The Purchasing Committee having charge of the work of buying in both portions of the road for the stockholders counsists of James F. Joy, of Detroit, and Thomas H. Hubbard, O. D. Ashley and Edgar T. Wells, of New-York. They have labored assiduously for nearly five years, and will within a few weeks winess the consummation of their efforts in the discharge from bankruptcy of every mile of road said in the consolidation of the system once more. The main lines of the Wabash east of the rivor, not including the Chicago Division sold to-day, comprise roads from Tolede westward, through Oho and Indiana to Decatur, Hi., from Decatur to Mediosa and Asples, from Naples to East Hannibal, from Mediosa by Clayton to Camp Point, from Clayton to Elvaston and from Edwardsville to Edwardsville Junction.

SCRAMBLE FOR OFFICE UNDER THE NEW OR

Chicago, March 11 (Special).-The coming sale of to the reorganization of the management. The en-tire system now included under the Wabash Western scramble for the offices. It is thought by some raiload members that Jay Gould will endeavor to have either himself or his son George elected president, and put the entire management of the road in the hands not seem to be held by the officials of the Wabash Wabash Railway, to-day:

didate for the presidency of the new consolidated Wabash Company is incorrect. I am even doubtful less this policy agreed with mine I would certainly

THE DISPUTE OVER TICKET COMMISSIONS. Chicago, March 11 (Special).-Receiver McNulta inwill pay them so that the matter can be finally defelded in accordance with the chairman's recently published opinion, in which he threatened that the pay ment of commissions would be punished in the same manner as any other cut in rates. There is little doubt expressed that Commissioner Walker will accept the chairmanship of the Interstate Commerce Association

General Passenger Agent Charlton, of the Chicago and Alton Railroad Company, denies the truth of the statement that his company had signed circular letter passenger business. He said to-day: "We have not departed one lots from our position on the commission question. We have not signed circular lotter 'A,' and have no intention of doing so. The lines boycotting us placed our tickets on sale unconditionally and without any conference with us. We are to-day, as we have been in the past and expect to be in the future, first, last and all the time, unreservedly and unequivocally, in favor of the payment of a reasonable commission to ticket agents.

A PRIOR LIEN ON THE C., W. AND B. PROPERTY. Cincinnati, March 11.—The question decided to-day in the Cincinnati, Washington and Baltimore Railway case by Judge Peck, of the Superior Court, arose out of the proceedings by the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company for a foreclosure of mortgages given to secure bonds, and force the sale of the road. had secured a judgment against the Cincinnati, Washington and Baltimore for \$1,250,000 for material and supplies furnished, and it asked to have this judgment declared a prior lien to the mortgages of the Farmers Loan and Trust Company. The bonds to secure the mortgages amount to about \$15,000,000. The cour granted the prayer of the Baltimore and Ohio Company, holding that the manifest intention of the statutes was that Hens for material and supplies should be prior to those for bonds in order to enable a road to continue in operation, and thus tond to improve the value of the property represented in the bonds. An order for the sale of the Cincinnati, Washington and Baitimore will be issued, but it is said the time of sale will be September next.

JAY GOULD IN ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, March 11.-Jay Gould, his son George "Sam" Sloan and the other members of the Gould party have put in a busy day, including a conference at the general offices of the company, a trip over the Oak Hill and Carondelet road and the reception of Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain officials at the Southern to-night. George Gould said that there would be no changes made in the directory at to-mor

Is there any truth in the rumor?"

"No," was the response. "All the talk about an estrangement between father and Mr. Sloan is out of whole cloth. There is no use denying these rumors, however, for they will be repeated.

He said that improvements had been curtailed of late, owing to reduced earnings, and that the general outlook was not all that could be wished.

AN ORDER FROM THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION. Washington, March 11.—The following order has been fasued by the Interstate Commerce Commission and will be sent to all railroad companies subject to

and will be sent to all railroad companies subject to
the act to regulate commerce;

All advances and reductions in joint rates, farce
and charges shown upon joint tariffs established by
common carrier subject to the provision of the act
to regulate commerce shall be made public.

Every such advance or reduction shall be so published by plainty printing the same in large type, two
copies of which shall be pasted for the use of the
public in two public and conspicuous places in every
depot, station or office of such carrier where passenportation under such schedules, in such form that
they shall be accessible to the public and can be conveniently inspected. Such schedules shall be so
posted ten days prior to the taking effect of any
such advance and three days prior to the taking
effect of any such reduction in joint rates, farce and
charges.

Philadelphia, March 11 (Special).—In railroad circles there is a well-founded rumor, vouched for by a morning paper, that the Lehigh Valley is behind the movers in the scheme to build a railroad over the old Lizard Creek route to the coalitelds west of Potts-ville recently purchased by a syndicate. Israel W. Morris, treasurer of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company,

has been made president of the Anthraeite Improvement Company, which is the title of the corporation owning the coal lands. E. W. Frisble, president of the projected railroad, was at the Lehigh Valley office most of last week, making arrangements for the construction of the coad, the contracts for which will be made immediately. It is estimated that the sixty be made immediately. It is estimated that the sixty miles of road will cost not more than \$2,000,000. Two reasons are given for the Lehigh Valley's invasion of the Reading's territory. One is that the company is seeking a reserve coalfield, in view of the ultimate exhaustion of the Lehigh region. The other is that the Lehigh Valley wishes to strengthen its position in the railroad world; it will centrol a new line between Potrsville and New-York and by connecting with the Pennsylvania it may obtain some through traffic which that company receives from its Nescopeck branch.

MISCELLANEOUS RAILWAY INTELLIGENCE. Philadelphia, March 11 (Special).—Trains of the Batti-more and Ohio Railroad to-day began running regularly through this city from New-York to Chicago. The first of these teains was run yesterday. The Phila-delphia and Reading Railroad engines and crews run the train through the Twenty-fourth-st. station to Falls Station, where shifting engines pull them around the "X" then over the old stone bridge and the Richmond and Companyon and Norristown branches to Wayne Junction. Here they strike the Bound Brook branch of the Philadelphia and Reading, and at Bound Brook the Central Railroad of New-Jersey. An official of the company, in speaking of the change, said: "We can now enter upon the territory which the Pennsylvania and the New-York Central have so long had exclusively, and I think we can get our share of both the passenger and

freight traffic."

Alrech 11 (Special).—Receiver McNuits, of the Wabash, says that he is insqueted in a statement that he is opposed to fast trains between Chicago and Kaness City. He added: "What I said was that, if fast trains were put on, extra charge should be made, just as is done by the Eastern limited trains. This was the understanding on which I signed the presidents' ment, and I do not doubt that arbitration will deci

ment, and to not be considered to the correctness of my position."

The Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley has unrayeled the snart of Western grain rates by announcing a restoration of the old rate, to take effect on March 9.

This will again bring the grain through Chicago, unless

the Battle Creek and Sturgis Railroads. The Farmers' the J. J. Burns Construction Company and the railros

of ratiroad legislation, upon which the farmers of the Leg-islature were so rabid during the first few weeks of the seasion of the Legislature, the railroads scored a decided

grain and provisions by the lines in the Central Traffic Association last week aggregated 83,035 tons, against 35,887 for the preceding week, and against 39,325 for the corresponding week last year. The Vanderbilt lines carried 40.7 per cent of the business, the Pennsylvania 24.6, Grand Trunk 29, Baltimore and Ohio 5.7.

Canton, Ohio, March 11.—The Valley Earlway, eighty miles from Cleveland through Akron to Canton, thence south to Valley Junction, where it connects with the Marietta road for the Ohio River, has been sold; or, at least, a controlling interest has been sold to New-York capitalists representing \$7,000,000, who, it is thought, are associated with Andrew Carnegie. The sale of the controlling stock is certain, and there is semi-authoritation with a leferantiator that Andrew Carnegie. tive private information that Andrew Carnegie will use the Pittsburg, Chartlers and Youghlogheny road into Pittsburg. Mr. Carnegie is said to have secured the Lake Erie and Southern in enforced payment for rails By a consolidation with the Valley line, the Cleveland and Pittaburg, which has been a paying road, will be paralleled. Only eleven miles from Canton will have to be built, and a little distance from Wellsville east, the line being graded to Wellsville and the track laid to

TO SPAN THE GAP WITH A SHIPRAIL WAY.

PROPOSAL THAT THE TEHUANTEPEC SHIP RAIL

Pittsburg, March 11 (Special).-It is authoritatively stated here that some of the directors of the Panama Canal Company have requested the Tehuantopec Ship Railway Company to build a ship railway in place of the unfinished part of the Panama Canal. One of the rectors of the Tehuantepec Company, who is also one of its largest stockholders, said to-day, when questioned about the matter:

"The scheme is for our company to take hold of the canal, and on the forty-two miles of the route, where they have done little or no work, to build a ship railway. The estimated cost of building the canal for this distance is \$160,000,000. Our company can build the ship rallway over this forty-two miles for 840,000,000. Before we could lend our credit to the canal enterprise, or put our money into it, we would concern being little better than bankrupt, we would ask for the guarantee of the French Government. I have little doubt that if our company, with plenty of the Canal Company to complete their work, so that popular feeling on the question would compel it to accept our proposition. I believe, of course, that there would be money in the enterprise at \$40,000,000.

WATER SCARCE IN THE NEW GOLD FIELD. Los Angeles, Cal., March 11 (Special),-The Lower California gold excitement is cooled by the report that the stories were exaggerated, and that water is growing scarce. Several experts, in whom the public have confidence, have sent back discoursging reports, and many who were ready to start have decided to wait. Pomona and several other colonies still have the gold fever, but it is dying out here. The report is now that the excitement was worked up by San Diego and Ensenada merchants, who wished up by San Diego and Ensenada merchants, who wished to make a profit from the outfitting business. It is estimated that Ensenada merchants have cleared \$40,000 in transporting miners to the new camp and furnishing supplies. It is feared there will be trouble when the army of swindled prospectors is forced to walk home. OIL BUNTERS RETURN TO A DESERTED PIELD.

Franklin, Ponn., March 11.—The completion of an oil well on the Rynd farm, on Oil Creek, on Saturday, which started off at the rate of forty barrels per day, with no signs of decreasing, has caused a revival of interest in an oil field thought to have been thoroughly exhausted two decades ago, and there is a rush for leases. Many are still of the belief that Venango County is still a good oil field. The Standard Oil Company seems to consider this the case, and and oil operations are again booming. Many aban-doned wells on Oil Creek and in the Pleasantyille district are being cleaned out, and a number of these have been found to produce from ten to twenty. five

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN MAINE.

Bangor, Me., March 11.—Mayor Brass (Rep.) was re-elected to-day by 831 plurality. The Republicans elect five of the seven Aldermen and thirteen of the twenty-one Councilmen, a gain of one. In Belfast the entire Citizens' teket, headed by Lucius P. McDonald for Mayor, was successful. In Biddeford the Democrats re-elected Mayor Charles E. Goodwin by 269 plurality, as against 194 last year. The City Council is Democratic.

Newburg, March 11 (Special).—Judge Barnard has given Mary A. McLean, wife of Alexander McLean, given maint alimony and \$150 lawyer's fees, pounding her suit for divorce. ALIMONY FOR MRS. MARY A. M'LEAN.

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NOMINATIONS TO THE SPANISH, JAPANESE AND SWISS MISSIONS SENT TO THE SENATE.

DIPLOMATIC POSITIONS FOR FT.HENATOR PAR MER, JOHN F. SWIFT, OF CALIFORNIA, AND JOHN D. WASHDURN, OF MASSACHU-SETTS GEORGE C. TICHENOR NOME. NATED TO SUCCEED JUDGE MAYNARD

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNA] Washington, March 11.—The President sent 18 the Senate to-day the following nominations:
Thomas W. Palmer, of Michigan, to be Envo
Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of

John F. Swift, of California, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Japan.
John D. Washburn, of Massachusetts, to be
Minister Resident and Consul-General of the

United States to Switzerland. George C. Tichenor, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice Issae H. Maynard,

The promptness with which the nominations of Messrs. Palmer and Swift were sent to the Senate suggests a desire on the part of the President to assuage any feeling of disappoint which the friends of these two men, who both prominently mentioned as candidates for places in the Cabinet, may have had because of

cral approval on the part of representative men from the Pacific Coast. This will not be Mr. Swift's first experience in Oriental diplo the treaty with China in 1880, known as the Swift, Angell and Trescott treaty. He is a man of wealth, and though only fifty years of age, has already retired from the active practice of the law. His social qualities make his company sought by all who know him. He is in every way fitted to represent this country with credit and dignity at the post to which he has

designated. Ex-Senator Palmer has for a long time been on the most intimate terms with the President. His appointment after the unfortunate complication in Michigan politics arose, making his selection for a place in the Cabinet impossible, surprises no one, Like Mr. Swift, Mr. Palmer is a man of large during his term in the Senate was known as the "philosopher" of the body. His generosity and amiability are proverbial. He has almost as many friends as acquaintances. To know him is to esteem him. There was some surprise expressed this afternoon at the failure of the Senate to confirm Mr. Palmer at once, and without reference to a committee. This, strictly speaking, would have been without precedent, the courtesy of an immediate confirmation only being extended to Senators, and Mr. Palmer has for the last week been an ex-Senator. It illustrates the tenacity with which the Senate clings to traditions, though it can hardly be pretended that within eight days the character and fitness of Mr. Palmer have undergone such a change as to

The appointment of Mr. Tichenor seems to have been made in strict accordance with Civil Sprvice principles. Mr. Tichenor has for a long time been an employe of the Treasury Department. As a Special Agent he has rendered valuable service to the Government and proved a terror to dishonest importers. In the construction of the Senate Taxiff bill in the last Congress he rendered valuable aid to the Senate Committee on Finance. He will bring to the office great experience, and a thorough knowledge of its duties and appreciation of ough knowledge of its duties and ap

EX-SENATOR THOMAS W. PALMER. Thomas Witherell Palmer, of Michigan, who has been nominated to succeed Perry Belmont, of New-York, as United States Minister to Spain, Thomas Palmer, was one of the pioneers of Detroit, and his mother was a daughter of Judge James Witherell. Mr. Palmer entered the University of Michigan but was forced to abandon his studies on account of trouble with his eyes, but the University gave him degree a few years ago. He then made a trip to Europe, returning home by way of Rio Janeiro and the Mississippi River. In 1850 he engaged in business in Wisconsin as the agent of a transportation company and for a time was a merchant at Appleton, Wis real estate business. In 1855 he married Miss Lizzie P. Merrill, daughter of Charles P. Merrill, and then entered the lumber business with the latter. As the successor of his father and father-in-law he is one of the largest owners of lumber property and saw mills in the Northwest, and is the possessor of a large fortune. Mr. Palmer has been an active member of the Republican party since its organization, but until 1873 he declined all suggestions that he be a candidate for office. In that year he was elected to the to the State Senate, and in 1883 he was elected to the United States Senate for the term, which closed on March 3. Mr. Falmer was one of the most amiable and popular men in the Senate. He was careful in the preparation of his speeches, and made several notable ones. He is well read, is find of art and literature, and has a valuable library and many fine paintings. Besides his Detroit home, he has a farm near that city, where he devotes considerable time and money to the raising of fine stock and to experimental farming. It has been his custom to spend much time in the winter in New-York.

John F. Swift, of California, who has been nominated to succeed ex-Governor Richard B. Hubbard, or

Texas, as United States Minister to Japan, was born in Missouri about fifty years ago. He went in 1852 to California, and became one of the leading lawyers of the Pacific Coast. He gained a wide reputation as an able constitutional lawyer, and is well-known as a vigorous writer and strong public speaker. He re-tired from practice some time ago. Since 1863 he has been active in Republican politics, and has held several local offices. He has always been independent and outspoken, and once bolted the party ticket because it did not suit him. In 1880 he went to China with it did not suit him. In 1880 he went to Chios with Messus. Angell and Trescott, and aided in negotiating a new treaty with the Celestial Empire. He represented the dominant sentiment of the West in regard to the Chinese question, and had been recommended as one of the commissioners by the maximous vote of both houses of the California Legislature. In 1884 he was the Republican candidate for Governor of California, but was defeated. In 1888 Mr. Swift took the stump in Oregon, and largely contributed to the first Republican victory of the camipaign. He is a man of bright wit and fine conversational powers, and he has the reputation of being one tional powers, and he has the reputation of being one of the best after-dinner speakers on the Coast. He has travelled nearly all over the world and passesses a fund of information of places and people. He has written several books, among which are "Going to Jericho," s book of travel, and "Rupert Greathouse," a